

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Decision Record
Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute
DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2016-0011-CX**

October 2015

Red Dog Adventure Touring, LLC

Location: Existing BLM Designated Roads/Routes:
(Designated Routes, Price Field Office RMP).

Applicant/Address: 418 Moenkopi, Moab Utah 84532
Erik Urban 208-309-0472

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It is my decision to authorize Red Dog Adventure Touring, LLC a Special Recreation Permit to offer guided motorcycle tours on designated county roads and BLM system roads found in the San Rafael Desert portion of the BLM Price Field Office. The proposed routes and areas for guided tours are located on designated routes in the Price Field Office Resource Management Plan and will disturb no more than what a casual user within the area would disturb.

PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CONSISTENCY:

The proposed action and alternatives have been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM Land Use Plans and the associated decision(s):

Price Field Office Resource Management Plan, October, 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

Recreation (REC) and Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) (Page 103)

Goals:

- Establish management that provides necessary public services, authentic recreation experience, and opportunity within allowable use levels; minimizes user conflicts; and maintains the healthy ecosystems and settings that provide the basis for recreation opportunity and experience.
- Provide an environment for and encourage entrepreneurial activities that are supportive of the recreation program goals and objectives.

Objectives:

- Manage all SRMAs to provide the benefits, experiences, and opportunities identified for each.
- Use the ROS classification system in SRMAs as a guide to decision making on projects with the potential to alter the physical, managerial, or social settings that create the opportunities and experiences.
- Use recreation permitting to direct and manage recreation use.

Management Decisions:

- REC -72, The BLM will issue SRP as a discretionary action subject to NEPA analysis (Appendix R-10). Additionally, Commercial SRPs will also be issued to provide a fair return for the commercial use of public lands.

- REC -73, SRPs will be issued to established evaluation factors described in Appendix R-10. The factors identified will primarily examine the sensitivity of the proposed site and the nature of the proposed use.

RATIONALE FOR DECISION:

Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 H:

"Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights, that impacts no more than three staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan."

PROTEST/APPEAL LANGUAGE:

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-001. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (request) pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 2801.10 or 2881.10 for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Manda Harrington
Authorized Officer

12-16-15
Date

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A. Background

BLM Office: Price Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Guided motorcycle tours in Moab and the San Rafael Desert.

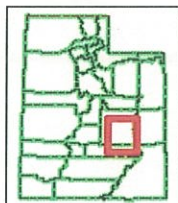
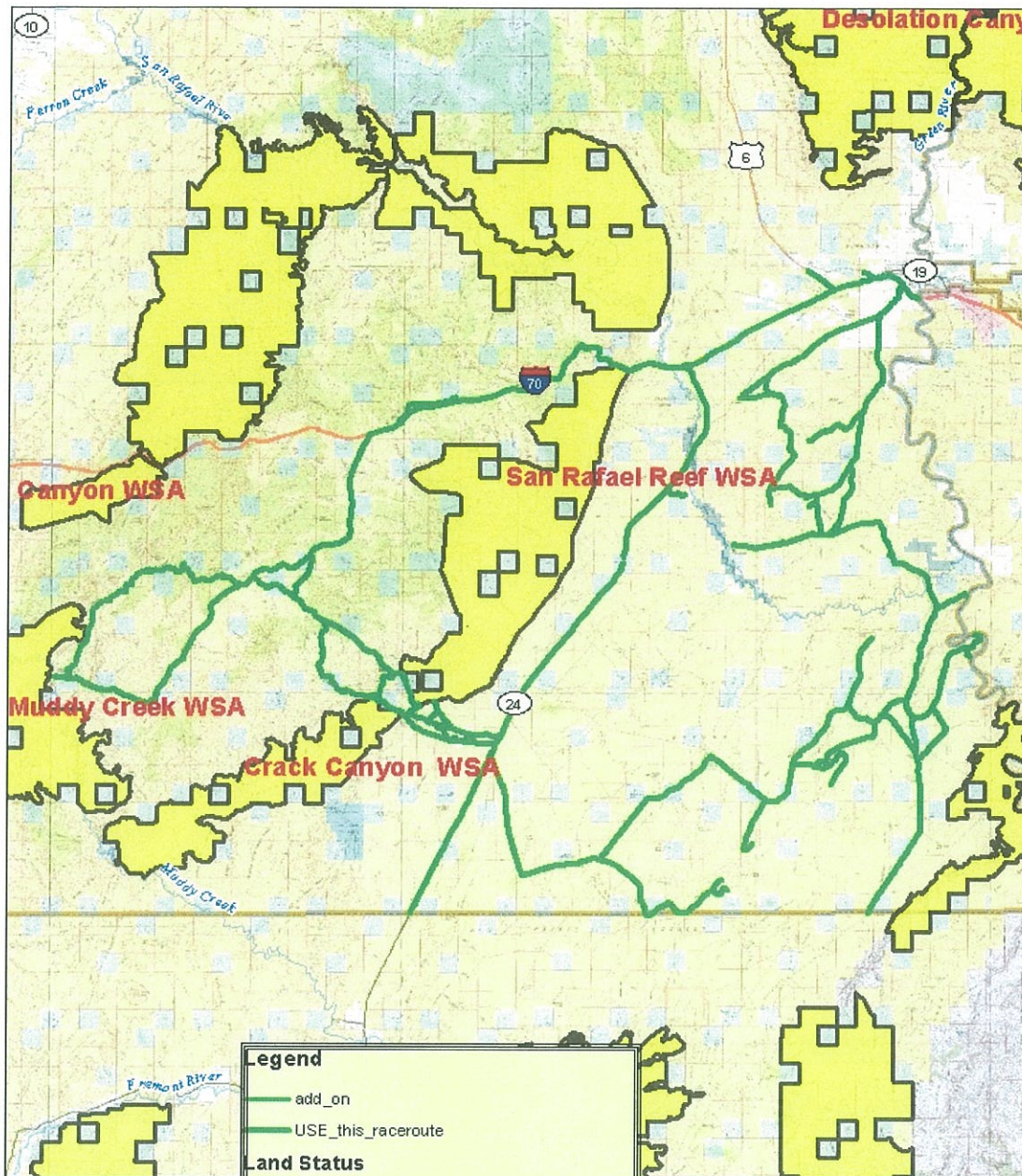
Location of Proposed Action: The proposed action is to take place on county and designated BLM system roads found within the San Rafael Desert.

Proposed day rides will be offered with up to 10 vehicles for rides located within the Moab Field Office and San Rafael Desert portion of the Price Field Office.

Description of Proposed Action: On August 15, 2015 the BLM (Price Field Office) received a request for joint application with the Moab Field Office for a commercial Special Recreation Permit (SRP) from Red Dog Adventure Touring, LLC. The proposed activity is to offer guided motorcycle tours on designated county roads and BLM system roads found in the San Rafael Desert portion of the BLM Price Field Office. The proposed routes and areas for guided tours are located on designated routes in the PFO Resource Management Plan (RMP) and will disturb no more than what a casual user within the area would disturb.



Red Dog SRP

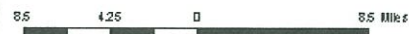


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Land Status

- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Military Reservations and Corps of Engineers
- National Park Service (NPS)
- Private
- State
- State Parks and Recreation
- State Wildlife Reserve Management Area



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B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Price Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: October 2008

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C. Compliance with NEPA

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This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 apply.

D: Signature

Authorizing Official: Manda Harrington Date: 12-10-15
for (Ahmed Mohsen)
(Field Manager)

Contact Person

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact

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435-636-3659

Or

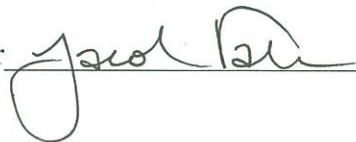
Amy Adams Recreation Assistant
435-636-3622

Categorical Exclusion Review Record

Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	Jeff Brower	12/11/15
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	Josh Winkler	10/06/15
Cultural Resources	No	Michael Wolfe	10/13/2015
Environmental Justice	No	Jacob Palma	10/14/15
Farm Lands (prime or unique)	No	Jeff Brower	12/11/15
Floodplains	No	Jeff Brower	12/11/15
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	Stephanie Bauer	10/13/15
Migratory Birds	No	Jared Reese	12/14/15
Native American Religious Concerns	No	Michael Wolfe	10/13/2015
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species	No No (animals)	Karl Ivory Jared Reese	12/11/2015 12/14/15
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	Jeff Brower	12/11/15
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	No	Jeff Brower	12/11/15
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Jeff Brower	12/11/15
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	Matt Blocker	12/11/15
Wilderness	No	Matt Blocker	12/11/15
Other:			

*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator



Date: 12/16/15

Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion Documentation

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:

Extraordinary Circumstances		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>The proposed action will only take place on designated county roads and BLM system roads. The authorization of this SRP would have no significant impacts on public health or safety.</i>
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>The proposed action will only take place on designated county roads and BLM system roads. Impacts to natural resources and unique geographic characteristics are not anticipated as a result of this proposed action. The ID Team did not identify any impacts to these resources.</i>
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>Resource specialists did not identify any highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources. The proposed action is to take place only on already-established routes.</i>
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>Due to the minimally impacting nature of this action, the results of the action are predictable and do not have the potential for substantial environmental effects.</i>
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>The proposed action does not set a precedent for future actions. Future proposals would be subject to NEPA and would be analyzed prior to authorization.</i>
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively		

Extraordinary Circumstances		
significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>The proposed action is occurring on already-established, designated routes. Therefore, the action would not have an additive impact to resources.</i>
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>The Red Dog SRP guided motorcycle event will utilize routes approved in the 2008 Price Field Office RMP. Use of these routes has previously been consulted upon with Utah State History. The proposed event is casual use of designated existing roads in the company of a guide. No new ground disturbance is proposed. If the stipulations within the permit are followed, the nature of the proposed action is such that no impact can be expected on significant cultural resources.</i>
8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>After a thorough review by resource specialists, it has been determined that there will be no significant impacts on federally listed or candidate species as a result of the proposed action.</i>
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>The proposed action would not violate any Federal, State, local or tribal laws.</i>
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>There are no minority or low income populations that would be adversely effected by implementation of Proposed Action.</i>
11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).		

Extraordinary Circumstances

Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>The action would not limit access to and ceremonial use of sacred sites by Native American religious and traditional practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sites.</i>
12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		
Yes	No X	Rationale: <i>All equipment used during the authorized action will be power washed at a commercial facility to be free of mud and debris before and after use to prevent the introduction or spread of noxious weeds or invasive species.</i>